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CIVIL PENALTIES ASSESSED AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Susan Brady, found Michael Kayser, candidate for State Representative in the 19th Legislative District, in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held Thursday in Olympia.

Brady determined that Mr. Kayser violated state law by failing to timely file contribution and expenditure reports during 2003 and issued a civil penalty of \$400. She suspended \$100 of the penalty if Mr. Kayser completely and timely files his 2003 post election reports due by December 10, 2003.

During the time period reviewed by the Commission, the Kayser campaign raised \$14,671 and expended \$13,823. Campaign finance reports were between one and 148 days late.

In a separate enforcement matter, Chair Brady reinstated a \$100 civil penalty against the Washington Independence Day Association PAC for failure to electronically file contribution and expenditure reports. The action re-imposed the \$100 suspended portion of a \$250 civil penalty assessed by the Commission on July 31, 2003 when the political committee failed to comply with the terms of the prior violation.

Candidates and political committees found in violation of the public disclosure law at the Brief Enforcement Hearings may ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.